

1 **MR. CALVIN CHANDLER**

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Calvin Chandler.

4 MR. CHANDLER: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

5 I want to tell you I won the jackpot. But first let me tell you
6 my name is Calvin Chandler and I'm a member of Hotel Employees
7 and Restaurant Employees Union Local 1 and I work on Majestic
8 Star casino in Gary. I'd like to say that the casino industry
9 has given the people of Gary and myself the jackpot and let us
10 win a chance to better ourselves with new and abundant job
11 opportunities.

12 It was Godsend to me because I had to leave college
13 in Alabama to come home because my mother was deathly sick with
14 cancer. The infamous steel mills of Gary were slow and dying and
15 they weren't and haven't been hiring many. So basically I ended
16 up bouncing between temporary jobs such as lifeguarding for the
17 boys and girls club and bartending at a local lounge and off and
18 on doing some substitute work at elementary schools.

19 The big problem was I was also trying to raise a
20 daughter and finish college. This was not easy. But new blood
21 flowed through the veins of Gary and that was called the casinos.
22 The casinos were the fountain of youth, a whole new look on life.
23 But to finish this statement, I've been with the casinos for two
24 years and it's provided me money to finish college, the health
25 benefits and vision benefits for myself and my daughter and keep
26 me out of bankruptcy from the overpowering student loan bills
27 that were upon me at the time. All I would like to say is I hope
28 you keep the dice rolling in Gary. Thank you.

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